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-- MARCH 11-12, 1975

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DELIVER OPENING OF BUSINESS

FOLLOWING ARE INSTRUCTIONS AND COMMENTS FOR USE IN SUBJECT
MEETING. COMMENTS ARE KEYED TO AGENDA ITEMS IN REFDOC.
DECISION SHEET FROM LAST PPC MEETING (AC/12-DS/71) WAS
UNAVAILABLE IN COUNTRY AT TIME OF DRAFTING.

(A) MISSION SHOULD DRAW UPON POSITION PAPER ON SAME ITEM
USED AT LAST PPC FOR ARTICULATION, IF APPROPRIATE, OF
SPIRIT IN WHICH US PROPOSAL FOR REVISED TOR IS BEING PUT
FORTH.

WHILE SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSION OF AC/12-WP/108 MEETING MUST
OBVIOUSLY TAKE PLACE AT THE PPC MEETING MARCH 25-26,
FOLLOWING ARE SUGGESTED REVISIONS TO AND COMMENTS ON DOCU-
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MENT:

TWO MOST IMPORTANT GOALS IN EXAMINATION OF NWO AND REVISION OF TOR SHOULD BE (1) ACHIEVEMENT OF SUITABLE DEGREE OF FLEXIBILITY IN NWO PLANNING, ALLOWING FOR CONSIDERATION OF A ROLE FOR NWO IN A CRISIS IN WHICH WAR IS IMMINENT AND (2) MOVEMENT AWAY FROM EXCLUSIVELY NUCLEAR OR POST-NUCLEAR ORIENTATION. THEREFORE SUGGEST FOLLOWING REVISIONS TO MORE ADEQUATELY REFLECT THESE CONSIDERATIONS:

--PARA. 17, LINES 1-2: REVISE TO READ: "THIS CONCEPT PLACES TOO GREAT AN EMPHASIS ON NUCLEAR AND POST-NUCLEAR SCENARIOS AND THEREFORE DOES NOT FULLY ASSURE THAT THE DEFENSE INTERESTS..."

--PARA 17, LINE 4: REVISE TO READ: "...A "PEACETIME" OIL CRISIS THROUGH A CONVENTIONAL WAR CRISIS TO A POST..."

--PARA 20, LINES 7-11: REVISE TO READ: "...AND ONE OR BOTH NOEBS, PARTS OR ALL OF JOS(E) AND (W) BY COUNCIL DECISION. THIS ACTIVATED NWO CONTINGENT MIGHT, HOWEVER, NOT CONVEY AT NCWA HEADQUARTERS, BUT IN A MAJOR CENTER OF GOVERNMENT WHERE IMMEDIATE ACCESS TO INTERNATIONAL OIL COMPANIES AND OTHER GOVERNMENTS, VIA PEACETIME COMMUNICATIONS, WOULD BE..."

--PARA. 22, LINE 1: REVISE TO READ: "SHOULD THE SITUATION FURTHER DETERIORATE AND THE COUNCIL SO ORDER, THE NWO..."

--PARA. 2 OF ANNEX I SHOULD BE REVISED TO INCLUDE NEW ZEALAND AS A FULL NON-NATO MEMBER AND NORWAY AS AN ASSOCIATE NATO MEMBER.

(B) SEE ITEM (C) BELOW.

(C) (I) IN PART VII OF WAR MANUAL, CHAPTER 5 SHOULD BE REVISED TO MORE ACCURATELY REFLECT ROLE ACTUALLY ENVISIONED FOR NOA, I.E. POLITICAL DECISION-MAKING ROLE
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SHOULD BE EMPHASIZED AND SUPERVISORY ROLE SHOULD PROBABLY BE DE-EMPHASIZED.

CHAPTER 6 SHOULD BE REVISED IN ACCORDANCE WITH CONCLUSIONS REACHED ON ROLE OF NOEBS AT LAST PPC MEETING (AC/12-DS/71, ITEM 10).

(II) NO COMMENT.

(III) NO COMMENT.

(D) RECOGNIZING THAT PROGRESS ON THIS ISSUE WILL NOT BE MADE UNTIL SOME DEGREE OF AGREEMENT IS REACHED AMONG ALL PARTIES CONCERNED ON CERTAIN BASIC ISSUES, THE U.S. DELEGATIONS TO THE PBOS AND PPC ARE NOW DRAFTING A CONCISE STATEMENT WHICH WILL FOCUS PRIMARILY ON TWO QUESTIONS WHICH SEEM TO BE CENTRAL TO THE ISSUE AS A WHOLE:
(1) WHICH NCWA SHOULD MANAGE TANKER OPERATIONS? AND
(2) WHO SHALL BE THE CHARTERER? THE U.S. HOPES TO BE ABLE TO DISTRIBUTE THIS PAPER TO ALL NATO DELEGATIONS PRIOR, IF POSSIBLE, TO THE MARCH 25-26 PPC MEETING, IN ORDER THAT IT MAY BE GIVEN APPROPRIATE CONSIDERATION AND AGREEMENT MAY BE REACHED ON THESE FUNDAMENTAL QUESTIONS. IN CASE PRIOR DISTRIBUTION IS NOT POSSIBLE, REQUEST THAT DISCUSSION OF THIS ITEM BE MOVED BACK AS FAR AS POSSIBLE ON THE AGENDA.

COMMENT ON THIS ISSUE SHOULD THEREFORE BE RESERVED AT THIS TIME, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF NOTING THAT THE US IS DRAFTING SUCH A PAPER AND OTHER DELEGATIONS MAY THEREFORE WISH TO COME PREPARED TO COMMENT ON THE ABOVE TWO QUESTIONS.

WASHINGTON WOULD ALSO BE INTERESTED IN ANY FURTHER REACTION (FROM OTHER COUNTRIES) TO THE U.S. NOTE AND PAPER ON THIS ISSUE TABLED AT THE LAST PPC MEETING.

(E) VACANCIES INDICATED IN AC/12-WP/99 (REVISED) FOR WHICH U.S. IS RESPONSIBLE HAVE EITHER BEEN FILLED OR ARE IN THE PROCESS OF BEING FILLED.

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(F) COMMENT AS APPROPRIATE, DRAWING ON U.S. POSITION PAPER ON SAME SUBJECT FROM LAST PPC MEETING.

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